REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 17, 18, 19-25 and 27 have been amended.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 are amended as discussed with the Examiner via telephone. The amendments presented herein overcome the rejections of the amended claims. The rejection of claim 19 is respectfully traversed, insofar as the structure of the elements recited therein is easily understood. For example, a "filter" is readily known as "a circuit or device that passes certain frequencies and blocks others." (See the attached excerpt from dictionary.com).

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are now discussed. Independent claim 1 (used as an example herein) recites the SVM classifier comprising an emotional state determiner unit selecting values related to a specific emotion. In contrast, Teller does not teach a specific emotion. Instead, this reference deals in the general states of "stress" or "relaxation." Teller, Fig. 2. The remaining references do not overcome these deficiencies.

Tato has been removed as prior art, based on the present date of invention established by the declaration under Rule 131, previously submitted.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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